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## Governor Doyle Announces \$850,000 to Clean Up Brownfields and Create Public Spaces

Governor Doyle announced today that he has awarded seven Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources grants totaling more than \$850,000 to help clean up contaminated properties for public use. The grants will help Wisconsin communities add public spaces and public buildings to urban areas through brownfield cleanup and reuse.

"Cleaning up brownfields is about more than just renewing damaged or vacant land – it is about renewing the pride of a community, and restoring jobs and productivity," Governor Doyle said. "These grants help turn brownfields into parks, sports fields and other facilities that not only improve quality of life, but also help increase property values."

Brownfields are abandoned, idle or underused industrial or commercial properties where contamination is hindering redevelopment.

The seven Green Space and Public Facilities grants awarded will help fund environmental cleanups that will allow for public use of the properties. The seven projects will lead to the reuse of approximately 80 acres of property. Communities receiving grants will contribute matching funds in amounts that are based on the size of their grant.

The local governments receiving Green Space grants are:

- **Green Bay** – \$200,000 for the Finger Road Baseball Park; Green Bay officials plan to construct four baseball diamonds with parking, concessions and bleachers at the former H&R Landfill site;
- **Kaukauna** – \$100,000 for the Konkapot Preserve Project; city officials plan to develop a prairie park atop the 26-acre former Lehrer Landfill, with walking trails connecting to other local trails;
- **Kaukauna** – \$50,000 for Kaukauna Utilities Redevelopment; the city will redevelop a blighted industrial site into a public distribution center and warehouse to support Kaukauna Utilities' operations;
- **Racine** – \$200,000 for public green space at the Pointe Blue waterfront redevelopment; Racine officials will use its grant to develop the city's Lake Michigan Pathway, leading to North Beach, in front of the Pointe Blue redevelopment project at the former Pugh Oil Company and Marina;
- **Racine** – \$40,075 for the Washington Avenue West Boulevard Redevelopment Area; Racine officials plan to create a small park on a property previously used for auto repair;

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- **Superior** – \$88,000 for expansion of the Superior Amateur Hockey Association (SAHA) Facility; cleanup of contaminated soils will allow city officials to expand the SAHA hockey and ice rink, where development has been delayed due to environmental concerns; and
- **West Allis** – \$178,760 for the West Allis Athletic Fields; city officials, in partnership with the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District, plan to create a soccer complex and complete the renovation of athletic fields on the former West Allis Landfill.